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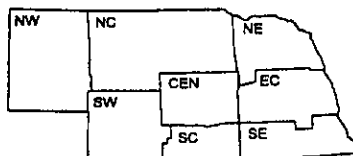
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week were near normals across Nebraska. Precipitation across the State averaged from traces to twenty-two hundredths in the Southwest District.

GENERAL

Weather conditions remained mostly dry during the week, keeping producers in the fields, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Alfalfa and wheat crops need moisture going into the winter season. In some areas, light rain settled the dust, but did nothing for the needed soil moisture. Harvest is progressing but many producers hauling to elevators were facing long harvest lines. In Central counties, hard frost is needed to reduce moisture content of grain sorghum. But, in Southwestern counties, the killing frost two weeks ago killed the milo that was still green and allowed the grain sorghum harvest to proceed quickly. Some tillage for next year's crop had begun. Sugar beet harvest continued with the favorable harvest conditions. Sugar content was increasing in the sugar beets because of environmental conditions. Producer activities included harvesting of crops, building electric fences, shredding corn stalks, and discing.

CROPS

Corn condition rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 24% fair, 47% good, 21% excellent. Corn mature rated 96%, behind 100% last year, but same as average. Corn harvest was at 32%,

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below 42% last year, but nearly a week ahead of 23% average. Stalk breakage was noted as a concern as corn was being harvested.

Soybean conditions rated 8% very poor, 10% poor, 26% fair, 45% good, and 11% excellent. Soybean harvest jumped to 64%, ahead of 50% last year, and five days ahead of 49% average.

Sorghum mature was at 87%, below 97% last year and 92% average. Harvest rated 21% complete, near 20% last year, and 22% average. Sorghum conditions rated 5% poor, 34% fair, 54% good, and 7% excellent.

Dry beans harvest was near completion at 97%, just ahead of 91% last year, 92% average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 41% fair, 45% good, and 6% excellent. Alfalfa fourth cutting was at 91% complete, ahead of last year's 82%, and 79% average.

Wheat seeded rated 97%, ahead of 94% last year and 95% average. Wheat was 79% emerged, above last year's 77%, and average.

Proso Millet harvest was 79% complete.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions rated 4% very poor, 16% poor, 34% fair, 38% good, and 8% excellent. Pastures were really dry and supplemental feeding was necessary for a lot of producers. Stalk fields were being utilized. Cattle and calves were being worked and moved off pastures.

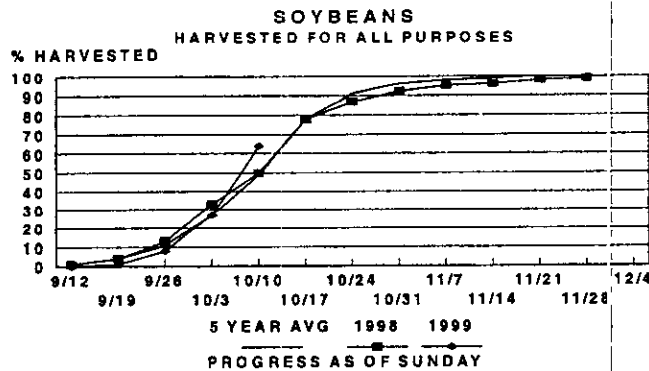
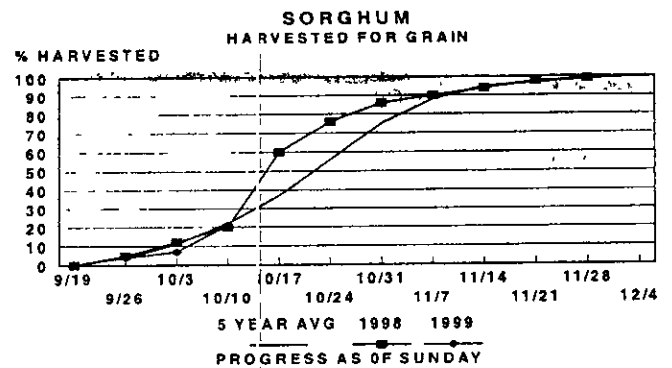
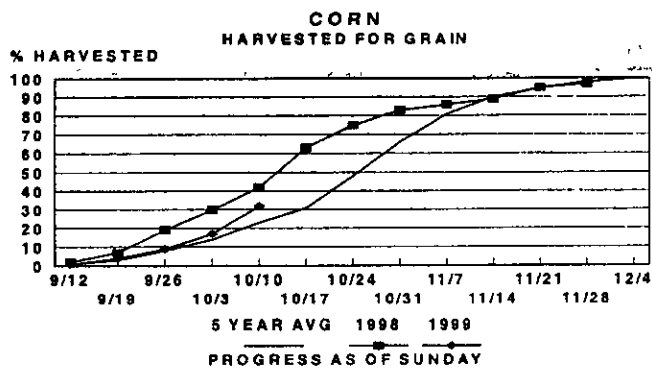
CROP PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 10, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	100	100	99	98	100	100	99	99	96	100	99
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	72	74	61	50	66	91	57	64	27	50	49
% Corn Mature	82	100	99	98	99	84	100	99	96	91	100	96
% Corn Harvested	18	26	38	35	31	15	36	36	32	17	42	23
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	98	100	85	96	78	96	85	87	74	97	92
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	15	53	39	28	5	9	21	21	7	20	22
% Dry Beans Harvested	89	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	97	n/a	n/a	97	89	91	92
% Proso Millet Harvested	76	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	88	n/a	n/a	79	73	n/a	n/a
% Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	83	86	94	90	83	97	96	87	91	78	82	79
% Wheat Seeded	98	100	100	100	99	100	99	82	97	92	94	95
% Wheat Emerged	93	78	80	40	33	79	75	41	79	62	77	77
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 8, 1999												
Days suitable	6.6	7.0	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.3	4.1	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	0	50	4	15	0	14	50	21	12	4	
	10	25	38	65	60	10	60	40	40	42	14	
	84	75	12	31	25	85	26	10	38	44	80	
	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	2	2	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	3	19	6	8	1	9	31	12	10	6	
	1	19	50	37	40	7	46	54	35	35	23	
	98	78	31	56	52	92	45	15	53	54	70	
	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	

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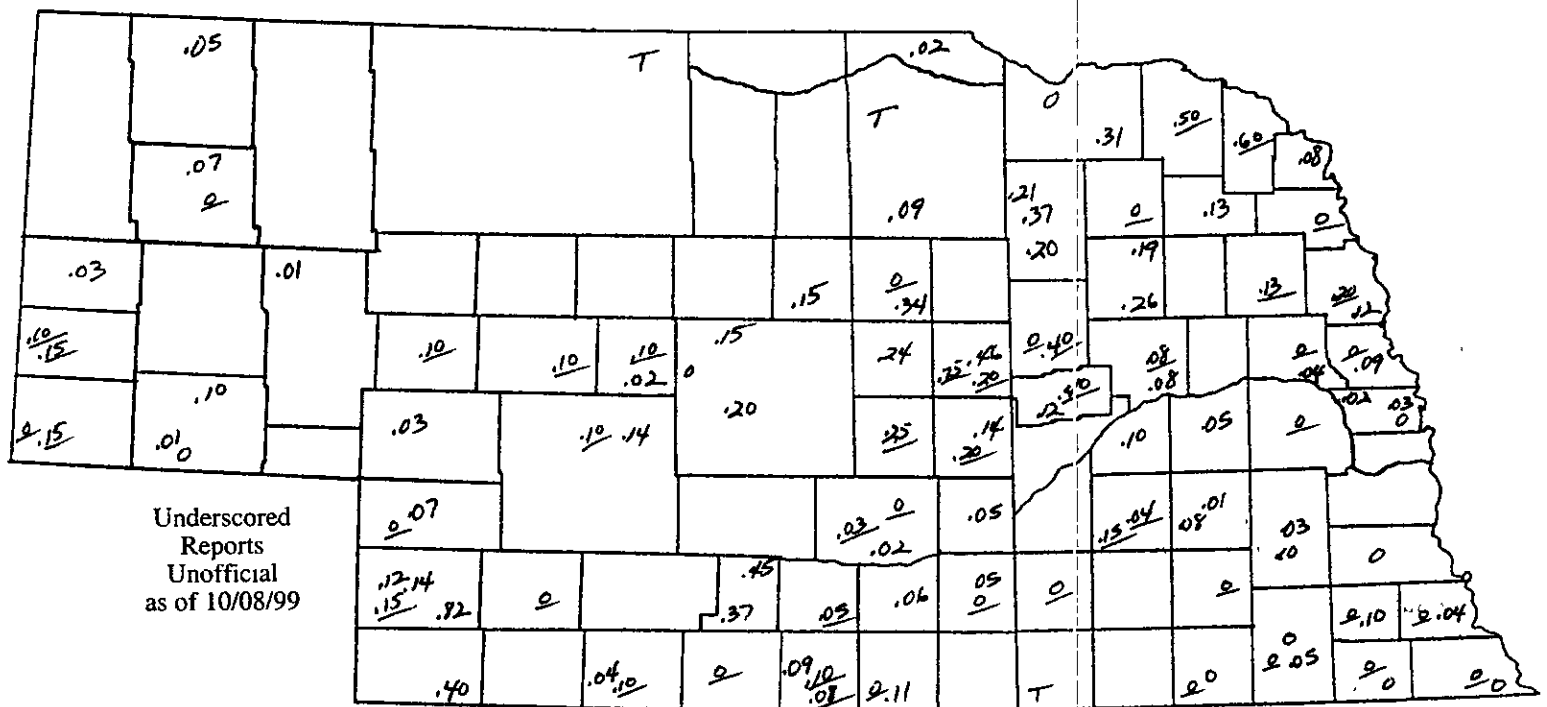
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1999



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1999

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	91	28	56	---	.05
	Scottsbluff	87	26	54	0	.03
	Sidney	86	30	54	---	.01
NC	Valentine	88	27	54	+1	T
NE	Norfolk	81	34	57	+1	.19
	Sioux City	84	27	56	0	.08
CEN	Grand Island	81	33	58	+1	.05
	Ord	80	25	54	---	.24
EC	Lincoln	83	29	57	-1	.03
	Omaha	82	32	58	+1	.03
SW	Imperial	87	35	58	---	.14
	North Platte	82	33	56	+2	.14